REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 8 are herein amended and claims 7 and 14 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new material to the current Application. No amendment made is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made is for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claims, unless Applicants argue herein that such amendment is made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Claims 1 and 8 are amended to rewrite original claims 7 and 14 in independent form. The last office action objected to claims 7 and 14 and stated if they were rewritten in independent form they would be allowable. Therefore, claims 1 and 8 are allowable for at least this reason. Similarly, dependent claims 2-6 and 9-13 are also allowable for at least this reason. Thus, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103 are moot.

The last office action also stated that claims 15-20 are allowable over the prior art. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 are allowable over the prior art.

The last office action found that the title was not descriptive. Applicants herein amend the title to state "METHOD OF FORMING A BOND PAD INCLUDING REMOVING A PORTION OF A PROTECTIVE LAYER" and believe this to be a more descriptive title that should satisfy the previous issues with the title.

Believing to have responded to every issue raised by the Examiner in the last communication mailed, Applicants believe the present Application is currently in a condition of allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit allowance of all pending claims. Please contact Applicant's practitioner listed below if there are any issues,

If Applicant has overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

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